

Now we live a lot closer to our own beliefs. Now we have learned that we have to draw strength from our diversity, that all of our people count and they can all be partners in our great enterprise. And I'm telling you, that shines across the globe. And when you go out to compete and people see that here's this American team and you—half of them you can't tell where they're from, because they're from all different kinds of racial and ethnic groups, all kinds of religious and cultural traditions, bound together by their common heritage in this great land. You don't have to say anything about it.

One of the folks that walked in with me said that he was so pleased to see the spirit of the Olympics taking over when he saw some North Korean and South Korean athletes sitting and talking together at dinner. I've been trying to get the North and South Koreans to talk for 4 years, and I haven't done it. I've been trying to get it done for 4 years, and I haven't done it.

So tonight, when you walk into that opening ceremony, and billions of eyes all over the world are on you, you carry the symbol of all that we have become not only in fact, but in the eyes and the spirit and the hopes of the rest of the world. And just as surely as those of us who work in the diplomatic area or the fine people who wear the uniform of the United States military, you will become a symbol.

I want you to win all the medals you can. I want you to mop up and do great. But I want you to realize that just by being what you already are, you are a source of enormous pride to our country and an inspiration to the world. And I hope tonight and these next couple of weeks are the greatest time of your life.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:14 p.m. in the Olympic Village. In his remarks, he referred to G. Wayne Clough, president, Georgia Institute of Technology; LeRoy T. Walker, president, U.S. Olympic Committee; Teresa Edwards and Bruce Baumgartner, members of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team; and former U.S. Olympians Mark Spitz and Edwin Moses.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **July 13**

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Camp David, MD.

### **July 15**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

### **July 17**

The President named Barry J. Toiv as Deputy Press Secretary to the President, effective July 29.

The President announced that he sent fiscal 1997 budget amendments to the Congress.

### **July 18**

In the afternoon, the President held a Cabinet meeting in the Cabinet Room at the White House.

The President had telephone conversations concerning the aircraft tragedy in East Moriches, NY, with Mayors Rudolph Giuliani of New York City and John Doring of Montoursville, PA; Gov. George Pataki of New York; Speaker Newt Gingrich and Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt; Majority Leader Trent Lott and Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle; former Senator Bob Dole; and Jeffrey H. Erickson, president and CEO of Trans World Airlines.

The White House announced that the President appointed Robert E. Peterson to be Chairman, and Scott E. Buchheit and Gladys Gershenfeld to be members of Presidential Emergency Board No. 231.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Bertha July 10–13.

### **July 19**

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Atlanta, GA.

Later, the President toured the cafeteria and dining area of the Olympic Village and greeted athletes.

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton attended the opening ceremony of the Centennial Olympic games. They returned to Washington, DC, after midnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon P. Deveau to the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan Ford Wiltshire to the National Council on the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael A. Naranjo to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as Chairman and members of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission: Harold T. Shapiro (Chair); Patricia Backlar; Arturo Brito, M.D.; Alexander M. Capron; Eric J. Cassell, M.D.; R. Alta Charo; James Childress; David Cox, M.D.; Ezekiel J. Emanuel, M.D.; Laurie M. Flynn; Steven H. Holtzman; Bernard Lo, M.D.; Lawrence H. Miike, M.D.; Thomas H. Murray; and Diane Scott-Jones.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### ***Released July 15***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Barry McCaffrey

#### ***Released July 16***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, National Economic Adviser Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Council of Economic Advisers Chair Joseph Stiglitz, Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Jacob Lew, and Acting Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy Donald Lubick and Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy Joshua Gotbaum, Department of the Treasury, on the mid-session budget review

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Peter Tarnoff on implementation of title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act

Fact sheet on the President's decision to implement title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act

#### ***Released July 17***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the appointment of Ambassador Howard F. Jeter as the President's special envoy for Liberia

#### ***Released July 18***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on the establishment of a Presidential Emergency Board to investigate the dispute between the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and its employees

#### ***Released July 19***

Announcement of nomination for a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California